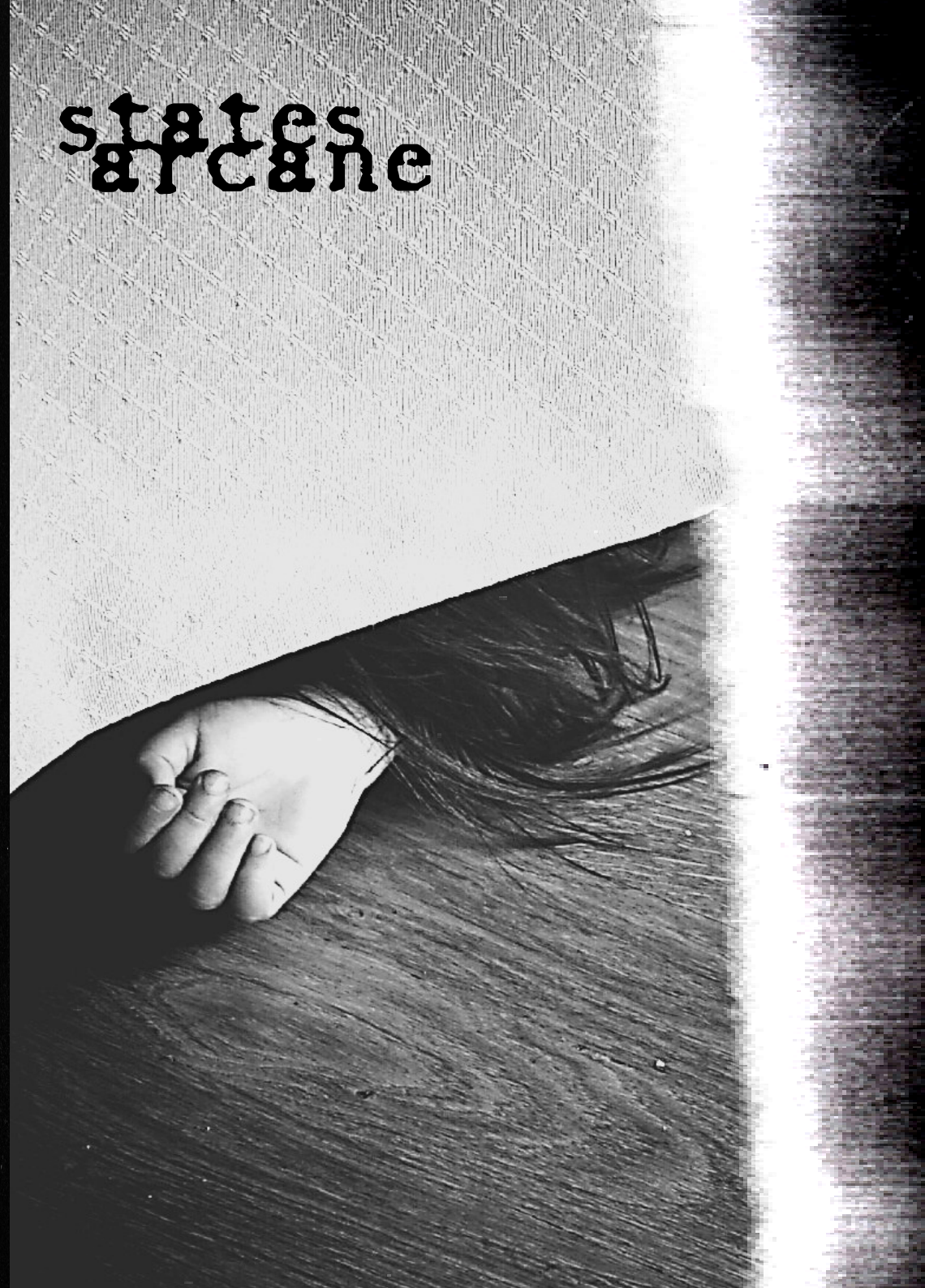


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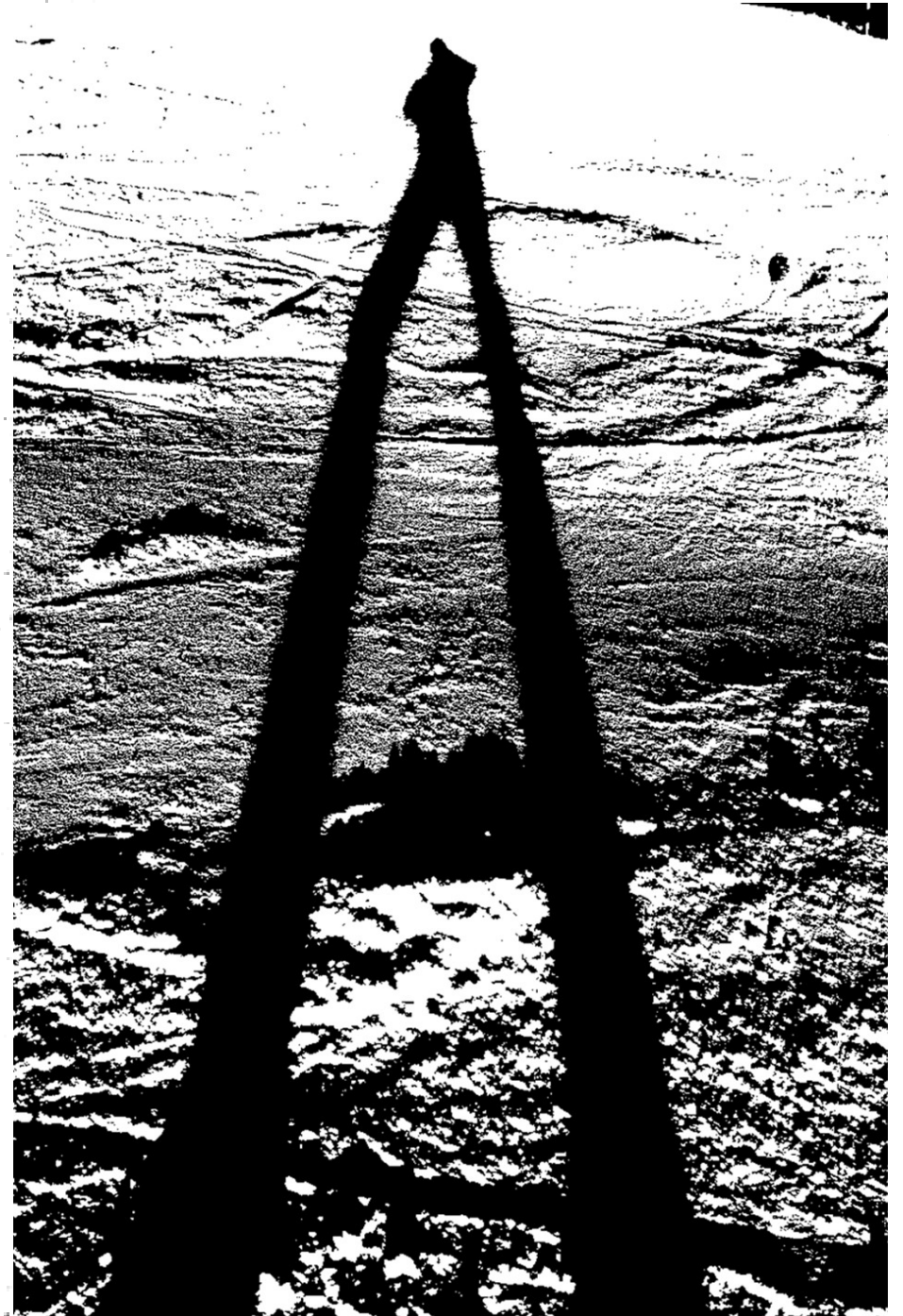
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note to self:

Don't.

It will hit you hard

eight or so years down the road.

This.

This one action stalks you, and reaches,

and cleaves when it's most opportune.

Don't.

I wait to hear what the next message holds.

what chance that

i can return to a home,

like it was before we took turns

to taint it with lies?

i don't recall any of us having

the desire to say that we cared;

why start now when it needs to

be heard the most?

maybe it was broken, anyway.



why can't we connect like all
those handsome leads on the TV
shows? now I call them dumb,
acquiescing to your reasoning
that people don't behave that
way. now I sigh and avert my eyes
when they fake passion that we
should have for real.